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**ANCHORAGE MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO
DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK AND METHAMPHETAMINE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on August 15, 2007, Kanthong Kent Sibounheuang, a resident of Anchorage, AK, pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of distribution of crack and methamphetamine.

Sibounheuang, age 32, of 9499 Brayton Drive in Anchorage, pleaded guilty to five counts of distribution of controlled substances before United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess.

In connection with the guilty plea, Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson advised the court that Sibounheuang distributed 58.6 grams of crack cocaine and 18.5 grams of methamphetamine over the course of five separate occasions in March and April 2007.

Judge Burgess scheduled sentencing for November 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The law provides for a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison with a mandatory minimum of five years in prison, a fine of \$2,000,000, or both, on each of the two counts where Sibounheuang sold more than five grams of crack. On each of the other three counts, where he sold less than five grams of crack, the law provides for a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$1,000,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court ordered that Sibounheuang remain in custody pending sentencing.

The Anchorage Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Sibounheuang.

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